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SUBJECT: SUGAR NEGOTIATIONS: STATISTICAL COMMITTEE MEETING  
OF APRIL 27

1. AT MEETING OF STATISTICS COMMITTEE ON TUESDAY AFTERNOON,  
THE US DELEGATION MADE PUBLIC ITS ESTIMATE OF US  
IMPORT REQUIREMENTS FOR 1977 AND PROJECTIONS FOR 1978,  
1979, AND 1980.

2. THE US DELEGATION ACCEPTED THE ESTIMATE CIRCULATED BY  
THE SECRETARIAT FOR 1977 AT 4.8 MISSION SHORT TONS, AND  
PROJECTED IMPORT REQUIREMENTS FOR THE 1978-1980 PERIOD AT  
4.7 MILLION SHORT TONS ANNUALLY.

3. THE US PROJECTION WAS DISAPPOINTING TO SOME  
DELEGATIONS, ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO ARE ACCUSTOMED TO STEADY

GROWTH OF THE US SUGAR MARKET. THE AUSTRALIAN DELEGATION WAS PARTICULARLY SKEPTICAL OF THE NO-GROWTH PROJECTION. AS A RESULT THE US DELEGATION AT THE WEDNESDAY SESSION MADE PUBLIC ITS ASSUMPTIONS:

(A) GROWTH IN US POPULATION NOW LESS THAN 0.7 PERCENT ANNUALLY. THEREFORE, INCREASE IN DOMESTIC SUGAR MARKET NOT MORE THAN 75,000 SHORT TONS ANNUALLY.

(B) HOWEVER, IT APPEARS THAT HIGH FRUCTOSE CORN SYRUP (HFCS) HAS NOW CAPTURED ALL OF THE GROWTH IN THE DOMESTIC SWEETENER MARKET.

(C) OUTPUT OF THE DOMESTIC SUGAR INDUSTRY IS ASSUMED TO STABILIZE AT OR NEAR 6.1 TO 6.2 MILLION SHORT TONS ANNUALLY.

(D) THEREFORE, SINCE HFCS IS CAPTURING ALL OF MARKET  
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GROWTH, COUPLED WITH FAIRLY STABLE DOMESTIC OUTPUT, IMPORT REQUIREMENTS WILL ALSO BE STABLE.

4. THE DETAILED EXPLANATION MADE BY THE US DELEGATION SATISFIED THE CRITICS, AND THE COMMITTEE TURNED ITS ATTENTION TO THE ESTIMATES MADE BY THE JAPANESE DELEGATION, WHICH MANY DELEGATIONS FELT WERE UNREALISTICALLY HIGH. AT ONE POINT THE JAPANESE DELEGATION REFUSED TO DIVULGE ITS DOMESTIC RETAIL REFINED SUGAR PRICE BEFORE THE GROUP BUT AGREED TO INFORM THE QUESTIONER (EL SALVADOR) ON AN INFORMAL, PRIVATE BASIS. SORENSON

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